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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

This filing procedure is a request for CONTINUATION invoking the privileges of the International PCT priority filing date of the International PCT application designating the United States of America.

Title : AEROSTAT FOR TRANSPORTING EQUIPMENT AND PASSENGERS

Applicant and sole inventor: BARBARIE, Yves (CA/FR);
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International Application number: PCT/FR99/01502

International Filing Date: June 23 1999

Priority Date Specifics The original French Application file number 98/07922 was registered June the 23 1998

The National Patent Application of the INPI was made public Dec 24 1999 under the publication number: 2780024.

The International Publication was published Dec 29 1999
under International Publication Number: WO 99/67129

Priority Filing date for the United States of America designation is therefore set 20 months after the National application filing date (June 23 1998) at the French INPI Patent Office in Paris France, which sets the priority date of the International PCT application filing date for US designation on February 23 of the year 2000.

This filing procedure therefore takes advantage of this privilege and in addition makes this procedure an application (or request) for Continuation.

Please find enclosed,

a copy of the International Publication WO 99/67129,
an English translation of the Patent application,
a copy of the International search report PCT/ISA/210.

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Sincerely,

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June 14, 2000
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In reference to patent Application number 09/507,700 which filing/receipt date is 02/22/2000 for firdt named applicant and inventor - Yves barbarie, I wish to take advantage of the extension time allowed under the provision of art. 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This extension is necessary to obtain the required funds in order to go forward with the patent applcation..procedures.

The statutory basic fee requested is therefore at this time replaced by the first month exten-sion fee of 55 US dollars (for small entity) joined to the annexed documents in the form of a postal money order to that exact amount.

Documents included with this letter of petition are the double copy to be returned of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION.

Sincerely,

Yves barbarie Ph.D.

forwarding address - 29 bd de Montmorency,
Paris 75016,
FRANCE

P.S Also included is a photocopy of the envelope received one month late because of insuf-ficient postage. Time allowed for payment was thus limited to ONE month instead of the two legal months allowed for payment of requested fees. Please take this incident in considera-tion. TY

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In REFERENCE to : US patent application number 09/507,700 request for revival on the grounds
of 37 CFR 1.53 - UNINTENTIONAL DELAY

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Sir,

It is wish both astonishment and great pleasure that we have accused reception of your letter dated the 7 of August 2002 advising that our patent application had attained the status of abandonment unless the said application was revived by conforming to the requirement of articler CRT 37 given adequate explanation for the delay.

The status of the present US application has, in its PCT form in Europe, reached the final phase ; the French patent is already a reality.

At the time of my US patent application , I was, as the sole inventor, in a very uncomfortable financial situation. Only a substantial contribution from a parisian businessman associated since then with the project, allowed my invention to enter the European phase as a PCT application.

This financial support in fact had saved at the same time all the energy that had been spent to that day as well as preserved our priority from national to the European level. The US application was engaged using the CONTINUING privileges of the PCT International, to again maintain our priority of the invention. At that time, the investment being already substantial for all, we chose to approach eventual partners which we hoped in return for their interest and subsequent involvement would advance the moneys required to pursue participation in the US patent application fees to come.

But answers were late to reach us and the response of said-to-be potential partners were to far from our future ambitions around the project. The recurring delays due to high expectations from those approached was eventually such that we considered it somewhat impossible to catch up with the procedures initiated by us with the Dept of Commerce and more precisely the US Patent and Trademark Office, our impression being that our application had since long been abandoned and forgotten by the receivers due to the delay to answer.

Please allow us to bring to your attention the fact that we had received our first answers for the US patent application so late, (the letters had gone around the world to the point that the courier was more than a month late) that the time left to answer had placed us already at the start of all procedures in a default position delay penalty already hanging (the two months reply time had almost expired before even receiving the letters).

I suddenly found myself reliving the same situation for a former patent application in 1994 for another object. I was constantly put in additinal lateness fees because of delays caused by postal acrobatics. At the time I had refused to play the game longer.

Even though it also did have some influence in extending the delays, I see no reason to specify that other events and preoccupations such as dead in the family (mother), doctoral thesis imetable and unemployment situation did contribute to perturb my short and long range projects.

We must admit that this time, postal services were tops since it took less than a week to reach us. Much appreciated. Imagine if this letter had reached us two months later... Please find photocopies of previously mailed envelopes. *accompanying letters*

I must say that electronic mail still remains a good solution but confidentiality I find is still to be proven especially for a patent application.

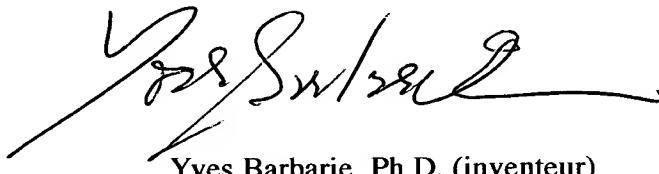
Finally, again it is with much pleasure that my associates and I, have learned that we were given a chance to revive our patent request and give this invention an international protection. The related fee we are promptly fforwarding is we think in accordance with the form of delay we consider to be ours. if it is not so please advise.

* Thus, find enclosed with this reply letter, the notice letter and the UNINTENTIONAL delay fee payment form with confirmation.

In reference to US Patent application number 09/507,700 (filing date 02/22/2000), the electronic payment of 644 USD was forwarded to the US Treasury Bank in New York City, NY 20231 using its routing number 0210300044 and directed into the beneficiary (USPTO Att. Petitions) account number 13100004. As mentioned above, included is a copy of PNA Paribas bank procedure form completed and sent from Paris.

With hopes that my (which has become our) requests will be accepted, please receive our distinguished salutations,

Sincerely,



Yves Barbarie Ph.D. (inventeur)

P.S. Difference with mailing date is due to time taken for selection of proper international payment procedure in order to prevent late arrival of required fees. Thanks again to Doug Lindsay at Payment Office for precious information and guidance.

cc : Michel Bru (co-propriétaire)
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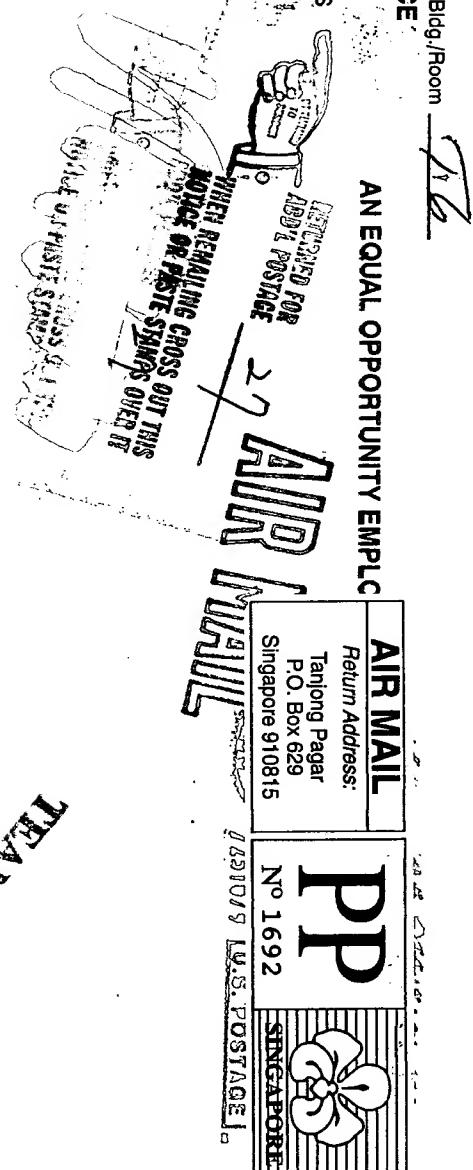
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